THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART

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PRESS RELEASE

A FESTIVAL OF CHINESE MUSIC AT THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART

On Wednesday, August 1, at 8:00 pm, the Central Traditional Orchestra of Beijing will perform at The Cleveland Museum of Art as part of its first American tour. To accompany the free concert, the Museum's Departments of Art History and Education and of Musical Arts are jointly hosting a festival of events on Wednesday, August 1, and Friday, August 3.

Founded in 1960, the Central Traditional Orchestra is composed of twenty-five musicians from provinces all over China who collect Chinese folk and classical music, lecture, and perform on traditional instruments. The orchestra is touring nationally under the auspices of the Chinese Music Society of America and comes to Cleveland through the efforts of the China Music Project, with funding from the Ohio Humanities Council.

In addition to the concert, the Festival program includes box suppers in the Museum's Outer Court on Wednesday evening, informal lectures and demonstrations of instruments, audio-visual programs, and gallery talks. A special exhibition of Japanese Screens, which opens August 1, will be on view. All of the activities, with the exception of the box suppers, are free.

Box suppers cost $6.50 and are available only by prepaid reservation which must be made through the Education Department by Thursday, July 26, at 421-7340, ext. 464. Reservations must also be made by Wednesday, August 1, at the same number for the informal recital on Friday afternoon, since seating for it is limited to 100. Admission to this recital is by free ticket, obtained only with advance reservation.

For more information, telephone 421-7340, ext. 464. A listing of events follows.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1984

5:15-9:30 pm AUDIO-VISUAL PROGRAMS

Chinese Sounds and Scenes and Japanese Screens. In the audio-visual center, classroom level.

5:15-6:00 pm LECTURE/DEMONSTRATION

Zhao Yongshan, Conductor, Central Traditional Orchestra. In the Recital Hall.

6:00-7:00 pm BOX SUPPER

Prepaid advance reservation. In the Outer Court.

7:00-7:30 pm GALLERY TALK

Japanese Screens. Marjorie Williams, Associate Curator of Art History and Education. In the exhibition.

8:00 pm CONCERT

Central Traditional Orchestra. In the Auditorium.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 1984

11:30 am-4:00 pm AUDIO-VISUAL PROGRAM

Chinese Sounds and Scenes. In the audio-visual center, classroom level.

2:45-3:15 pm GALLERY TALK

Chinese Art and Music. Marjorie Williams, Associate Curator of Art History and Education. In the Oriental galleries.

3:30 pm INFORMAL RECITAL

Soloists, Central Traditional Orchestra. In the Oriental Sculpture Court. Admission by free ticket only; advance reservation required.

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